

# MRS. STILLMAN OFF FOR 'FIGHT FOR LIFE'

## Starts for Canada With Son 'Bud' to See Witnesses in Divorce Case.

# SEEKS BRIBE EVIDENCE

# To Open Grand Anse Lodge and Travel on Sleds and Snowshoes.

# SAYS A CRISIS IS REACHED

# Pladdar and Keyhole Testimony Will Be Sifted by Woman's Counsel.

Mrs. Anne Urquhart Potter Stillman and her eldest son, James A. (Bud) Stillman, Jr., started yesterday afternoon for Canada, on what Mrs. Stillman termed "the beginning of a fight for my life." She is going into the Canadian North Woods to make a personal investigation and to talk to the witnesses who will be called at the divorce hearings in Montreal January 11 to give testimony in support of the allegations of attempted bribery of witnesses by "agents of James A. Stillman."

It will be the first trip Mrs. Stillman has made to Canada in almost four years. She telegraphed to have the Stillman lodge at Grande Anse made ready for her arrival. She will make her headquarters in Grande Anse and will work from that point up and down the St. Maurice and Rap rivers by sled and snowshoes. A representative of John F. Brennan, her chief counsel, will accompany Mrs. Stillman on these trips.

John E. Mack, guardian for Baby Guy Stillman, whose good name is at stake in the divorce suit, probably will join Mrs. Stillman in Canada next Monday or Tuesday. The tour of the North Woods will take in such towns as Latouche and Grande Pile, mentioned prominently in testimony at earlier hearings in the suit. Witnesses swore that in these towns they saw Mrs. Stillman and Fred K. Beauvais, the Indian guide named correspondent by the banker, living on terms of intimacy.

Mrs. Stillman desires most to interview witnesses who told of alleged happenings at the Stillman lodge which, they said, they saw from ladders and through keyholes. Ferdinand Page and his son, Joseph Page, are to be called at the hearings in Montreal. The defense believes they will become the "star" witnesses, with testimony only a little short of startling.

Mrs. Stillman is undertaking the Canadian trip because she believes the crisis in the suit has been reached. Where she will go the temperature reaches as low as 40 degrees below zero at this time of the year. To reach some of the places she and "Bud" will have to travel many miles by snowshoes. Mrs. Stillman said yesterday she realized the undertaking was a gigantic task for a woman, but "I am fighting for my life and I must go."

From Quebec city Mrs. Stillman will wind her way up the St. Maurice River to Latouche, and from there she will proceed by sled to Grande Anse. At Latouche she intends to buy foodstuffs, such as bacon, salt pork and flour. Although she has telegraphed ahead to have a cook hired, Mrs. Stillman said she will cook and "Bud" will wash the dishes.

Mrs. Stillman will remain in Canada until the special commission sits at Montreal on January 11. The Canadian hearings probably will conclude her defense, the suit going to Referee Daniel J. Gleason of Poughkeepsie for decision by January 17.

# DR. LORENZ IS LICENSED BY N. Y. STATE REGENTS

## Illinois Action Followed—To Examine 75 Cases To-day.

The Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York, meeting yesterday in the offices of the Bar Association, 42 West Forty-fourth street, voted unanimously to grant a license to Dr. Adolf Lorenz, the Austrian orthopedic surgeon, enabling him to practice and perform operations in this State.

Dr. Augustus E. Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner of Education, explained that he obtained a certified copy of the license granted to the doctor in Illinois in 1920. When this was presented to the board the license was granted. The license, duly filled out and sealed, was sent with a formal letter of notification to Dr. Lorenz at the Murray Hill Hotel. Seventy-five cases will be examined by Dr. Lorenz this morning in the Health Department Building, 565 Pearl street. He may perform one or more operations to-day.

# RUSTON LIKELY TO GET LEWIS'S BROOKLYN JOB

# Miller to Choose Kings Prosecutor To-day or To-morrow.

John E. Ruston, for four years an Assistant District Attorney of Kings county, will likely be chosen by Gov. Miller to succeed Harry E. Lewis as District Attorney on January 1. Gov. Miller said last night after a conference with Senator Cullen that he would name a successor to Mr. Lewis either to-day or to-morrow.

Mr. Ruston is 49 years old, married and lives at 24 New York street in Brooklyn. He began the practice of law in 1895 and for many years was a member of the law firm of Ruston & Washburn.

Others mentioned to succeed Mr. Lewis are Herbert N. Warshaw and Ralph Hemstreet, both Assistant District Attorneys, and County Judge William R. Turk, whose term will expire to-morrow.

Gov. Miller also will fill the vacancy caused by the death of Supreme Court Justice Aron L. Squire. He is expected to name Justice Frank S. Gannon.

# TRAFFIC POLICE GIVE PARTY.

Members of police Traffic Squad A and B gave a Christmas dinner last night to more than 150 children and 300 relatives and friends in the headquarters of Traffic B, 138 Tenth avenue. Patrolman James Hines was the Santa Claus. Lieut. Harry Eason was master of ceremonies. Patrolman Charles Turk, who directs traffic at Fifth avenue and Fifty-seventh street, gave a Punch and Judy show.

# RENT DISPUTE OF ARTISTS SPOILS VILLAGE STUDIO FUN

# Privilege of Signing a Lease for a Greenwich Apartment Starts a Ruction That Mars Party and Lands Landlord and Tenant in Court.

Two artists glared at each other in Essex Market Court yesterday. One, the complainant, was Leo Mizeliner. The other, the defendant, was Thomas Stevens. Greenwich Village sat breathless in the court room.

Mizeliner testified that on October 1 he moved into a studio apartment at 18 West Tenth street, which he rented at \$3,000 a year, with the privilege of signing a lease. The landlord was Stevens.

"But when the lease was presented to me I didn't like it and so didn't sign it," said Mizeliner. He gave a party in his studio on the evening of December 18. Many friends from Greenwich Village and elsewhere attended it. And as they entered the building, said Mizeliner, there

stood Landlord Stevens on the ground floor, proclaiming to the guests: "Mizeliner! Oh, yes; he lives on the top floor, but he doesn't pay any rent." The witness thought this was fairly embarrassing.

"And," he added, "Stevens keeps meeting me in the hall and asking why I don't pay my rent, until I'm sick and tired of it."

One of Mizeliner's witnesses, Annie M. Meyer of 28 East Seventy-eighth street, testified that she was one of the guests who had been warned of Mizeliner's delinquency. Monroe Carroll, an actor of 44 West Tenth street, testified that when he went to the downstairs hall to receive the guests Stevens said to him: "Who are you? I don't know you. You'll have to be identified."

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens were in court in response to a summons obtained by Mizeliner. Magistrate Ryttenberg told them he would hear their side of the story in the Tombs Court on January 4.

# OIL RUINS BEEF LOAD; STRIKERS ACCUSED

# Truck Is Stopped and Can of Kerosene Is Poured Over 1,500 Pounds of Meat.

A truckload of 1,500 pounds of dressed beef was saturated with kerosene and destroyed yesterday by men believed to be striking packing house workers.

Four men in a touring car overtook the truck transporting meat of the United Dress Beef Company, at 147th street and Willis avenue, The Bronx. One man jumped from the car and climbing upon the truck spilled the contents of a can of kerosene over the load. The man returned to the touring car and it sped off. A passerby reported the occurrence to Patrolman Ushe of Highbridge station, who commanded a car and started in pursuit.

At 150th street and Brook avenue he came upon a car that answered the description given him. In it was Arthur Lawton, aged 21, a chauffeur, of 332 East 170th street. The police say Lawton admitted having had three men in his car, one of whom climbed upon the meat truck, but he denied any knowledge of their intent. He was held in \$2,500 bail by Magistrate Charles E. Simms, in Morrisania Court, charged with malicious mischief.

All except Karl were thrown free of the car when it left the road. Karl suffered only minor scratches. The car was salvaged.

# BAR SOCIETIES TO FIX RULES FOR LAW STUDIES

# Taft, Root and Davis to Preside at Capital.

The American Bar Association has called a conference on legal education at Washington on February 23 and 24. State and local bar associations will be invited to send delegates to consider the standard of legal education of candidates for admission to the bar. The association has demanded that they be graduated from a law school which requires two years previous study at college and which has a three year course and an adequate library and teaching staff.

Elihu Root is chairman of the conference. Chief Justice Taft will preside at one session. Secretary Hughes at another and John W. Davis at a third. Cornelio A. Severance, president of the American Bar Association, will preside at the dinner at the end of the conference. Attorney-General Daugherty is organizing a local hospitality committee in Washington.

Delegates to the conference already named include John H. Voorhees, Edwin T. Merriell, William H. Burges and Charles A. Boston of the American Bar Association.

# GIRL SUING FOR INJURY 'TOO PROUD FOR CANE'

# Shows Foot to Prove She Has No Calluses.

Girl friends of Miss Marie Frye of Peekskill testified yesterday before Justice Young and a jury in the Supreme Court at White Plains that she never had drunk whisky, smoked cigarettes or danced since she was injured by the automobile belonging to Walter E. Gare of Tarrytown, whom she is suing for \$50,000 damages.

Mrs. Yolande Kutzman of Peekskill said that when Miss Frye went to 68 Tenth avenue, Brooklyn, last summer she was carried into the house. Later, Mrs. Kutzman said, she discarded her cane "because she said she didn't want the boys to think she was a cripple."

Miss Frye, who was overcome by the shock of the accident, made a statement that she had walked and danced so much that she had calluses.

# AROUSES 15 FAMILIES; DIES QUENCHING FIRE

# Superintendent of Guttenburg Building Overcome.

Fire started last night in the four story apartment house at 201 Twenty-seventh street, Guttenburg, N. J., and after Henry Mehrens, superintendent of the building, had aroused the fifteen families in the house he went into the basement to fight the flames with buckets of water. He was overcome by the smoke and died before firemen could get into the basement and rescue him.

The fire did only about \$800 damage. It was discovered by Mehrens, who ran into his own apartment and shouted to his wife to get to the street. He then rushed through the halls yelling for every one to get out and the tenants fled down the stairs and fire escapes. The last seen of Mehrens alive was when he ran into the basement with a bucket of water.

# 4 IN AN AUTOMOBILE PLUNGE INTO RIVER

# Dozen Police Hurry to Scene. Believing Those in Icy Water to Be Bandits.

Four men had an icy plunge in the Passaic River yesterday afternoon when a steering knuckle of the automobile in which they were riding broke and caused the car to plunge from the river road near the Broadway bridge, East Rutherford. Although the automobile turned over none of the occupants was injured seriously. The accident precipitated considerable excitement for a time, because an alert policeman who saw the car believed it might have borne the four men who held up the First National Bank of Pearl River. An alarm to police headquarters in Paterson summoned nearly a dozen police and detectives, fully armed, only to find four residents of Garfield, N. J., chilled and mud spattered.

The occupants of the car were Joseph Janis, a plumber, of 423 Palisade avenue; Frank Janis of 215 Wessington avenue; Martin Karl of 185 Cambridge avenue; and Henry Stark, a sailor, also of 185 Cambridge avenue.

All except Karl were thrown free of the car when it left the road. Karl suffered only minor scratches. The car was salvaged.

# LEO LOSES COMPLAINT AGAINST HIRSHFIELD

# Commissioner Not Responsible for Statement.

John P. Leo's application for a warrant for the arrest of David Hirschfield, Commissioner of Accounts, for the alleged violation of Section 1333 of the Penal Law in furnishing false information to a newspaper was denied yesterday by Magistrate Norman J. Marsh. The Magistrate also dismissed the summons which Mr. Leo had obtained. Mr. Leo, former Street Cleaning Commissioner, alleged that Mr. Hirschfield had given out a statement for publication in which John H. Thode, master mechanic of the Street Cleaning Department, was quoted as saying that Mr. Leo had purchased obsolete and worthless garbage dumps. The Magistrate held that Mr. Hirschfield was guilty because the statement was the testimony of Mr. Thode at a Hirschfield investigation.

# HUSBAND NEEDS BOND TO GET HIS FREEDOM

# Mrs. Horter to Insure His Presence at Trial.

Gladstone Horter, superintendent of one of the Havana plants of the Cuba Oil Company, who was arrested Wednesday night to insure his presence at Nutley, N. J., at the trial of Mrs. Horter's suit for separate maintenance, will be released if he furnishes a bond of \$2,000 to stay in New Jersey. Her attorney, William H. Parry, obtained an order to this effect from Vice-Chancellor Backus.

Mrs. Horter was Miss Beatrice Carlisle Kaufman, daughter of Max P. Kaufman of 321 Franklin avenue, Nutley. In 1917, when she was 18 and a junior in the Nutley High School, she was married to Horter, who went to war soon afterward.

They went to Cuba in 1919, but she says she drove her and their baby from his home last April. She came to New York, making the trip from Havana to Key West by regular passenger airplane, and was followed by her husband. He tried to get her to return with him, but she began a suit for separate maintenance.

# PRESTON GIBSON SUED FOR MAGAZINE'S \$12,150

# Publication Accuses Him of Unlawful Conversion.

Preston Gibson of Washington, Newport and this city is defendant in the Supreme Court in a suit by the Marine Magazine, which alleges Gibson converted \$12,150 of its funds to his own use. Gibson was treasurer of the magazine from January 7, 1919, until September 29, 1919, when he resigned.

The complaint says the Marine Magazine had about \$13,000 on deposit in the Harriman National Bank, but that the defendant wrongfully withdrew it and has returned no part except \$850.

Gibson was served with summons and complaint when taking breakfast in a Park avenue restaurant. He said he had earned fully whatever money he received from the Marine Magazine and that he had a complete defense.

# BUILDING OWNER FREE IN MAIDEN LANE FIRE

# Indictment Against Powers Unfounded, Is Ruling.

Justice Burr in Supreme Court yesterday dismissed an indictment for manslaughter against Robert A. Powers, owner of the building at 13 and 15 Maiden lane, following a fire in which three lives were lost in January, 1920.

# LA GUARDIA BACKS HYLAN'S TUBE PLAN

# Insists Staten Island-Brooklyn Links Will Cost Only \$141,000,000.

# TRANSIT BOARD IS DEFIED

# Hearing Called for Jan. 13 at City Hall to Decide on Traction's Future.

The existing state of siege between the Staten Island-Brooklyn Transit Commission and the Hylan city administration developed two new incidents yesterday. Neither of them seems to portend an early pact of disarmament.

P. H. La Guardia, who as a member of the Board of Estimate and President of the Board of Aldermen faces from the political arena at midnight to-morrow, wrote to Mayor Hylan an open letter, copies of which were distributed from the City Hall. In it Major La Guardia cited certain erroneous statements published recently, making it appear that the Staten Island project which the Board of Estimate and its engineers just now are flaunting jubilantly in the face of the Port Authority would involve an expenditure of \$225,000,000.

The Major asserts that \$141,000,000 is the computed cost of the whole enterprise, including not only the projected tunnel link between the New York City and under the Narrows, but also the cost of "a belt line railroad from Hylan to and including the proposed freight classification yard in the Borough of Richmond, a complete truck line, freight and passenger tunnel across the Narrows, a complete industrial railroad along the Brooklyn waterfront from Bay Ridge to Newtown Creek and a complete link between the New York Central and the New York, New Haven and Hartford."

The erroneous newspaper statements, Major La Guardia transmits the Mayor, "were either inspired by or perhaps emanated from the Transit Commission."

Chairman McNamery of the Transit Commission was out of the city yesterday. Commissioner LeRoy Harkness, however, said:

"Major La Guardia is mistaken in his major premise. No such figures ever emanated from this commission or any member thereof, nor were they inspired from this office directly or indirectly in any way, shape or form."

The second episode accentuating the rifted feelings of the two antagonistic bodies politic was the mailing from the City Hall of printed postal cards signed by Joseph Haug, secretary of the Board of Estimate, giving notice of a public hearing by that board at 10:30 A. M. January 13, in the City Hall, "on the question of the adoption of a policy by the board with respect to future construction of rapid transit railroads in the city of New York, under which the construction of subways will be favored as against elevated structures."

Members of the Transit Commission see in the postal card summons to a public hearing no more useful purpose than an effort to create an atmosphere of antagonism toward plans the details of which have not yet been revealed.

# TO PRESS CONSPIRACY CHARGE IN GIRL'S CASE

# Wallace Subpoenas Lad Who Testified Against Doctor.

District Attorney Wallace of Queens adjourned the John Doe proceedings yesterday before Magistrate Miller to investigate the attack upon Rosalind Green, aged 17, 653 Fulton street, Jamaica, who was charged with giving damages from Dr. Harry Schneider, a Jamaica physician. The hearings will be continued on January 11.

The District Attorney declared he would prosecute the charges that Dr. Schneider was the victim of a conspiracy. Ernest Pearson of 44 Hinesdale avenue, one of the youths who testified that he had found Dr. Schneider and Miss Green together in the woods near Jamaica, has been subpoenaed.

# REFUSES TO DISMISS DREXEL INDICTMENT

# Judge Mulqueen Denies Motion in Film Stock Issue.

Judge Mulqueen in General Sessions yesterday upheld the indictment against Anthony J. Drexel, Jr., Harry Brodski and Elmer Norton, charged with covering up the stock of the Film Industries, Inc., of which Louis B. Jennings of 101 West 168th street, also under indictment, is president.

A motion for the dismissal of the indictment was made by William Rand, Jr., who asserted that the evidence was illegal and insufficient. The indictment charges that the four men oversteered 300 shares of the capital stock of the company and sold it, chiefly through solicitors, among Italians and negroes.

Floyd Willmot, counsel for the State Industrial Commission, made the complaint. Jennings and Norton, a lawyer at 2 Rector street, were the only ones arrested. Drexel is believed to be in Paris. A warrant for Brodski's arrest has been sent to Los Angeles.

# CLOTH NOT GENUINE; ADVERTISER FINED

# 'Trade Marked Goods' Sold Below Cost.

The J. B. Orkin Corporation of 25 West Thirty-fourth street was fined \$150 yesterday by Magistrate Ryttenberg in the Essex Market Court for inserting a misleading advertisement of merchandise in newspapers.

The complaints were Fortmann & Huffman, Inc., of 230 Fifth avenue, manufacturers of a trade marked cloth used in coats and cloaks. A cloak of this material was advertised by the Orkin corporation. It was alleged, for \$44, whereas the customary cost was \$79.

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